

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STAFF

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I recommend we close out this effort as having accomplished all we could expect under the circumstances. We have available their methodology which can be applied to further proposals as they emerge. Continuation of the contract at the limited funding available has the appearance at least of staff augmentation as the statement of work now reads.

Given the severe shortage of FY 1981 external assistance funds it would seem this money could be put to more productive use.



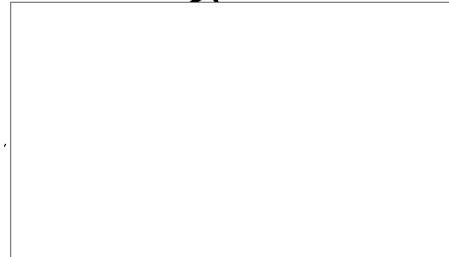
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As I recall, the survivability study was ranked 14 out of 14 in the priority list of PAO studies. I know that some contract support is required for some of the higher priority studies. In view of the limited resources available, I do not feel we can afford to obligate nearly 10% of available funds for this purpose. However, if priorities have changed or I am mistaken about requirements for contract support for other approved PAO studies, a meeting should be held at which this is reviewed in the context of all other anticipated requirements.



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I recommend no extension of the contract at this time for the following reasons:

a. [] is not likely to buy any significant further understanding of the technical issues involved in survivability. I am of the impression that we already have a high degree of technical capability in-house. */RMS/CTS/CIA etc.*

b. The policy decision necessary to support a coherent survivability program will have to be addressed by the new administration before any significant additional expenditure can be made. Thus, I feel it is premature to invest in technical analysis until the decisions have been made.

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c. [] is a great deal of money in view of our limited funds for contract support. There may be better ways to spend the money (I recommend that our entire external contract program be reviewed so that a decision can be made on the relative value of each proposal).

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<p>Remarks: I believe we should seek external help only after we have exhausted all the internal sources of knowledge. Why would [redacted] know something which we can't glean from the community?</p> <p>Congress has given us a clear signal on external contacts.</p> <p>If non-concurrence in the proposal is submitted.</p>			
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